Menace of stray animals

2557. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Traffic Police are facing a lot of problems due to the stray animals;

(b) whether Government are also aware that many accidents on the roads in Delhi are caused by stray animals; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action to solve the menace of stray animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Stray cattle have occasionally caused inconvenience to traffic in some areas of Delhi.

(b) The number of vehicular accidents caused by stray animals was 5 in the year 1999 and 1 in the year 2000 (upto 31st July, 2000).

(c) The steps taken to remove the menace of stray animals include providing of dedicated Municipal staff and machinery at Zonal levels; and launching of special drives by the Municipal bodies from time to time for rounding up of the stray cattle.

Problems of prisoners

2558. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a noval features has been introduced in Lucknow Jail in which prisoners set up shops; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make a study of the problems being faced by prisoners in various jails in the country and introduce reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.